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UNITED STATES INTELLIGENCE BOARD

COMMITTEE ON DOCUMENTATION

TASK TEAM VI - RESEARCH & DEVELOPMENT

Minutes of the Fourteenth Meeting, 10 August 1965

Members or Their Representatives Present

25X1A DEFENSE - Dr. Ruth M. Davis, Chairman  
DIA - Mr. [REDACTED]  
NSA - Mr. [REDACTED]  
AIR FORCE - Lt. Col. Waldo Bertoni  
NAVY - Mr. Richard L. Bragan  
ARMY - Mr. Norman J. Taupeka  
Mr. Milton A. Lipton  
25X1A STATE - Mr. Curtis L. Fritz  
CSS - Mr. [REDACTED]

Others Present

Mr. Richard See, NSF

1. The draft minutes of the 2 August meeting were distributed and approved with minor corrections.

25X1 2. [REDACTED] reported to the Team on the results of the [REDACTED] 25X1  
Kuipers, Taupeka working group on goals and accomplishments. He provided  
the Team members with a single sheet document entitled, "Promising  
Potentials for R&D in IDH 'Goals'". Two basic groupings were generated.  
One listed four broad subject categories which were isolated because of  
urgent need. The second included four subject areas identified because  
25X1 of technical accomplishment. Considerable time was spent by the Team,  
after the description by [REDACTED] discussing whether this could be  
the basis for a chapter in the report on goals and accomplishments.  
Several points were made during the discussion. Goals could be set  
because of either urgent needs or because of obvious technical accomplish-  
ments. Hardware problems versus software problems are virtually  
indistinguishable for the purposes of this subject. The need for

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25X1 improving the R&D management is obvious. The listing provided by [ ] were informal and could be subject to addition or change. The question was raised as to where a system evaluation would fall in this listing? The answer was that this would be an additional item.

3. The Chairman next distributed and asked the members to read and comment on two papers entitled, (a) "Intelligence Data Handling in the Context of R&D Research Allocation" and (b) "Information Data Handling Research & Development Goals and Policies". Many comments were made on these two papers, several of which referred back to the paper prepared on gaps and deficiencies. Several observations were made to tie that paper to the points made in these papers. The observation was made by Mr. Fritz that although there are gaps in the collection, research and data handling in the Intelligence Community, there has never been high-level post-mortems on the gaps in the data handling. This raised the question of what are the actual deficiencies in data handling. It was agreed that these must be identified before the R&D can be specified. The relevance of the intelligence collected to the processing requirements was considered by the group. The value of R&D, it was agreed, could be looked at in the absolute or the relative sense, but in any case it has to be measured against some criterion. The following are some of the questions raised on the second paper (b. above). Were funding mechanisms implied? Answer: Yes. Were priorities considered? Answer: Yes, under plans. Are goals and objectives synonymous? Answer: Yes. Improvement in techniques were contrasted to the improvement in the application of techniques.

4. The Chairman requested each member to turn into the Secretary by 13 August the personnel statistics as agreed upon. The group that prepared the gaps and deficiencies paper was asked to recast it in light of the subsequent papers submitted and the comments of the Team. All members were asked to review the various proposed chapters of the report for possible expansion beyond that which has already been submitted. Lt. Col. Bertoni was asked to expand the paper referring to the self-sufficiency of USIB Community submitted earlier to the Team. [ ] was asked to expand the intelligence data procedures paper earlier submitted to the Team. Mr. See was asked to prepare a short paper on quality control versus resources of importance to the Intelligence Community as well as its relations to other communities particularly in the information processing field. [ ] was requested to prepare some conclusions from the funding statistics.

5. The Team again turned to the subject of accomplishments and potentials. The Chairman asked each member whether he felt it possible to prepare such a section. A divided opinion was obtained. After further discussion, it appeared that perhaps the way to approach this

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subject would be to prepare a short state of the art paper in the intelligence areas of concern. The NSA and Army representatives were asked if this could be done. They indicated that such a paper would be provided for consideration by the Team.

6. The Chairman proposed that the group meet at CIA in a working session on an individual basis on Tuesday, 17 August, at 1330. The next regular meeting is scheduled for 31 August at 1330 hours at CIA Headquarters.

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